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My dear Friend,

You are aware that the question of Kasargod Taluk has been agitating the minds of the public of Karnataka, the Government of Mysore as also the Government of Kerala and the Kerala Congress. The matter is coming up often for personal talks all these months with the Chief Minister of Kerala, myself and the Home Minister.

You know at the time of the Reorganisation of the States it was one of the most hotly discussed problems. After the formation of the new States this question of Kasargod area has become more and more acute. You know very well that your predecessor assured the people of Kasargod area at the time of the General Elections in January 1952 that, of the three firkas of Kasargod Taluk, viz., Kumbala, Manjeswar and Kasargod, Kumbala and Manjeswar could immediately be transferred to Mysore State and for part thereof only that about Kasargod the matter may be decided by arbitration. You also know that very recently the District Board of South Kanara District have passed a resolution that Kumbala and Manjeswar firkas may be transferred from Kerala State to Mysore and for part of Mysore State. I have been receiving a number of letters and resolutions passed by the Panchayats of most of the villages concerned that they want to be immediately transferred to Mysore. The Congress in Kerala stands committed to the above position, viz., that two firkas of Kumbala and Manjeswar should be transferred to Mysore and that the question of Kasargod be decided by arbitration.

I have had discussions with the Chief Minister of Kerala more than once. Though he sympathises with the above view, he feels that he cannot take the initiative in view of the political situation in Kerala. It has therefore become necessary for us to

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take the initiative in this matter and to request you in the interest of the people of the area concerned and in the interest of the interest of general public satisfaction that you may take necessary steps to have the assurance given by your P.C.C. implemented. On hearing from you I will contact the Kerala Government to take necessary action at the governmental level.

Copies of memorandum submitted to me with its enclosures and of memoranda submitted to the Governor of Kerala, Shri V.K. Krishnan, Defence Minister, Government of India, Shri Khobar, President of the Congress are enclosed for kind reference.

Even regarding Kasargod firka we are only thinking of having villages for Mysore which are to the north of ~~Payesini~~ Payaswini and Chandragiri rivers - possibly only about a dozen villages. I am expecting your kind reply very early. I may also bring to your kind notice that though I have not been able to meet you in person I have discussed this problem with Pantji, Home Minister, Government of India, Shri Madhavan Nair, General Secretary of the A.I.C.C and other friends in the Congress. I only hope that this will be settled very soon.

Yours sincerely,

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